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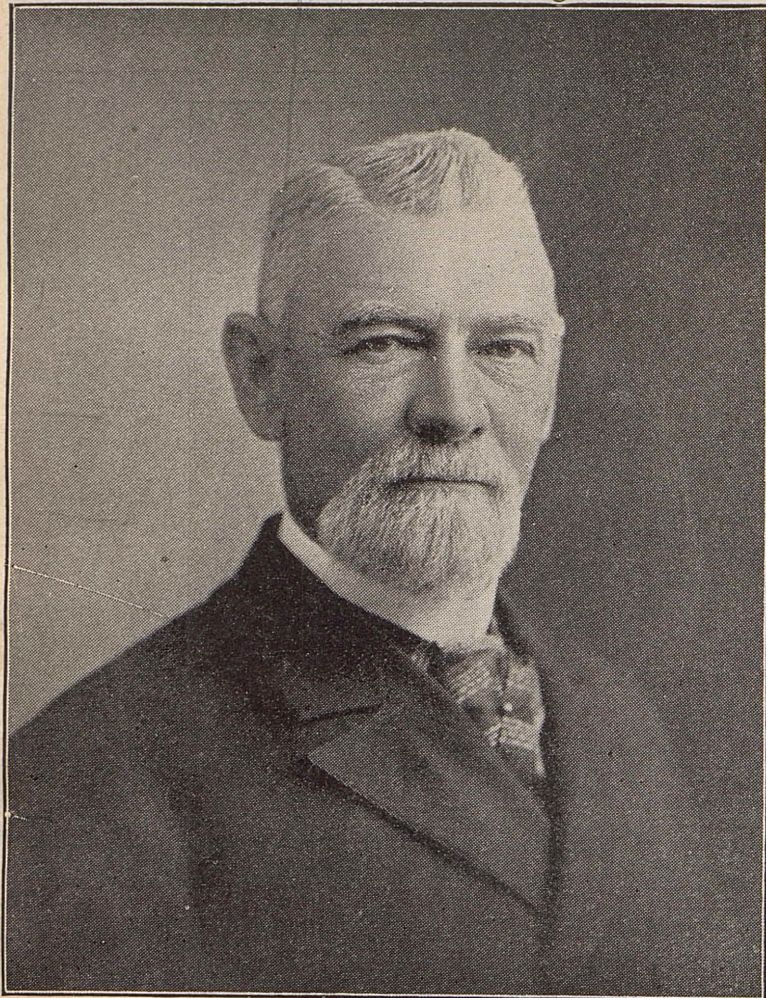
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of the \$2,000,000 water bonds he rendered the city valuable service. His administration of the treasury department has been done on such business-like principles that his re-election seems almost certain. That voters will vote for him regardless of party goes without saying. He has made an able, kind, efficient officer and deserves a re-election.

**FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION.**—Mr. Catesby C. Thom, candidate for the Board of Education, is a young man fully capable for the position and ought to win. He is the son of ex-Mayor Thom and has resided in the Seventh ward twenty-six years. He was educated in the city schools, served Uncle Sam one year in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war. He was admitted to practice law in the state and federal courts in 1900.

#### GLOOMY VIEW OF THINGS. ACCORDING TO BISHOP WHITE THE TYPICAL AMERICAN IS RUSHING MADLY ON THE ROAD TO PERDITION.

(By the Associated Press—A. M.)  
CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—Conditions almost anarchistic prevail in the United States, according to John H. White, Episcopal bishop of Northern Indiana. In a sermon at Grace church yesterday

he declared that the American people had forgotten their duties in a mad rush for wealth and fame.

"It is every man for himself," he declared. "The typical American is heedless of how he achieves his end. Those that come in his way are trampled upon or pushed aside. It is this lack of respect for the wishes and rights of others that has brought about conditions in this country that border on the anarchistic."

Irreverence, declared Bishop White, was responsible for the existing evil conditions. He declared that the American education tended to create irreverence and that the strenuousness of American life had the effect of increasing the irreverent spirit.

"Our institutions," said the bishop, "have had such a rapid growth and our progress has been so wonderful that we are filled with an admiration for ourselves that surpasses our admiration for anything else."

The picture here presented by the honest bishop is a gloomy one, but it is by no means overdrawn. The criminal record that the American people are making is outstripping all other records. Although crime everywhere is on the increase, the church is putting forth no effort to check them. The strong burn the weak at the stake as a pastime. Murder, robbery, adultery, prostitution are committed in high places, mobs roam at will, murdering defenseless citizens without let or hindrance. All the church and state want is money. With money anything can be bought. Whither are we drifting?

#### —o— SHOULD PUT ASIDE PARTISANSHIP.

In this, as in all municipal campaigns, partisanship should be put aside, so far as possible. In the choosing of officials to have charge of the municipal government for the next two years, we shall be voting for our friends and neighbors, not as Republicans and Democrats, but as citizens of a common municipality, in the welfare of which all of us are, or should be, equally interested. It is therefore incumbent upon every good citizen to put aside partisanship, and do the utmost that is in his power to aid in and secure the election to office of the very best candidates whose names appear upon the tickets to be voted. The Times will not at this time go into a detailed discussion of the merits of the respective candidates. All this will come later, and in due time. The present purpose is merely to remind its readers of the fact that the municipal campaign is close at hand, and that the issues of the general campaign, just closed, were no less important.—Times.

Those fool negroes who never voted anything but the straight Republican ticket should read and learn.





LEE A. M'CONNELL, FOR CITY ASSESSOR.

Lee A. McConnell, Democratic candidate for City Assessor, was born in Missouri forty-three years ago. Early in life he was thrown on his own resources, by the death of his father, and at the age of 9 years, with a widowed mother to help support, he entered the drug business as an apprentice. He worked his way up in this profession, until he had accumulated means sufficient to take a course in the leading Baltimore College of Pharmacy.

Later, Mr. McConnell became the manager of a large wholesale drug store in Pueblo, Colo.

Mr. McConnell is a charter member of the Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Los Angeles Stock and Bond exchange and Los Angeles Stock Exchange. Aside from the business enterprises in which he is interested, Mr. McConnell has for many years been a subscriber to the Y. M. C. A., the Pacific Gospel Union and other organizations for the moral uplift of the community. He and his wife are both church members.

Election Dec. 1, 1902

**Catesby C. Thom**

For

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Seventh Ward

Regular Democratic Nominee

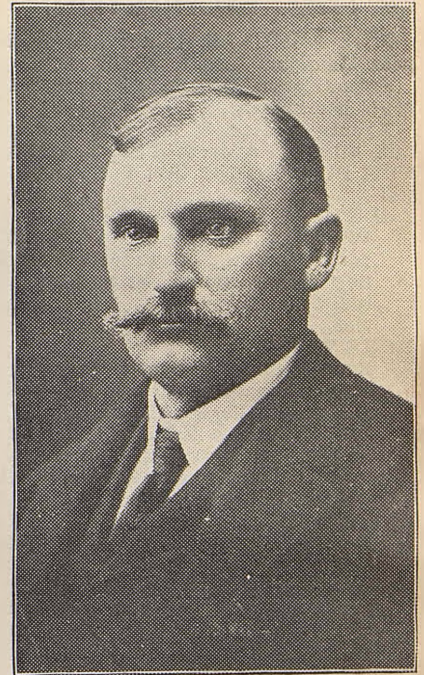


Samuel M. Haskins, Democratic candidate for City Clerk, is 30 years old, having been born in Salt Lake City in 1872, and is a son of the late Rev. T. W. Haskins, D.D., founder of Christ Episcopal church of this city. During his early life Mr. Haskins lived in the New England states and came to Los Angeles from Vermont in 1887. He graduated from the Los Angeles High school in 1839, and then went to the University of California at Berkeley, where he graduated in 1893.

Returning to Los Angeles Mr. Haskins studied law for a year, and was admitted to practice immediately prior to assuming the position of chief deputy under City Clerk Hance six years ago. This deputyship he has held continuously.

On city business generally, Mr. Haskins is justly regarded as an authority, and there is nothing about the clerk's office that he does not have at his finger ends. He has a happy faculty of making friends, and has a larger personal following than perhaps any other young man in Los Angeles, upon which he largely counts for success in the coming election. There never has been any criticism in the conduct of the city clerk's office during the time Mr. Haskins has been virtually in control under Captain Hance, and he says he will maintain the record if he is chosen to be its chief.

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EDWARD KERN, FOR COUNCILMAN SEVENTH WARD.

Edward Kern, Democratic nominee for councilman in the Seventh ward, was born on a farm in Warren county, Iowa, in 1860.

During the War of the Rebellion his father raised a company and was mustered into the service as captain of Company H of the Thirty-fourth Iowa Volunteers. He served during the war, participating in the siege of Vicksburg, and Banks' Red River expedition, and was promoted to the rank of major.

Mr. Kern secured his education in the public schools, going to school in the winter and working on the farm in the summer. He came to California first about sixteen years ago and has most of the time since resided in Los Angeles county.

He has a ranch in the northern part of the county, near Fairmount. For the past few years Mr. Kern has been residing in the Seventh ward, and engaged in the ice business, first as a driver and then as a route foreman of the Los Angeles Ice & Cold Storage Co. He is now superintendent of deliveries for the three companies and handles the delivery for the entire city.

Mr. Kern is a married man. He belongs to several societies, among them being the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., Modern Woodmen of America, Independent Order of Foresters, also the Royal Foresters.



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### COUNCILMEN.

First Ward—F. M. Nickell.  
Second Ward—J. E. Falconer.  
Third Ward—O. E. Farish.  
Fourth Ward—Samuel Weatherholt.  
Fifth Ward—Fred L. Sexton.  
Sixth Ward—John H. Foley.  
Seventh Ward—Edward Kern.  
Eighth Ward—Robert A. Todd.  
Ninth Ward—Henry Lee Brown.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION.

First Ward—James Russell.  
Second Ward—W. A. Varcoe.  
Third Ward—Albert L. Stephens.  
Fifth Ward—Mrs. Ione Cowles.  
Sixth Ward—Eugene W. Fortune.  
Seventh Ward—Catesby C. Thom.  
Eighth Ward—Walter J. Horgan.  
Ninth Ward—Dr. W. L. Lowder.

The democratic city convention warmed up to its labors last night and had time to spare before the lights were turned out.

When the nominations for tax collector were called, late in the afternoon, the names of James Kenealy, W. H. Younger and Jasper O. Simons were presented to the convention. Younger's friends withdrew his name when the Sixth ward cast an almost solid vote for Kenealy, and Simons pulled out of the race when the Seventh's ninety-three votes were cast for "Uncle" John. He was declared the unanimous choice of the convention. His friends say he will make a strong run and will be a strong team mate for "Uncle Billy" Workman.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE.—The colored voters will soon choose between Mayor Snyder and Hon. P. W. Powers, candidates for mayor. Both of them are gentlemen, or they would not have been nominated. It is a local contest—a matter of business. Mayor Snyder has been tried and not found wanting. He is known to be a true and tried friend of the negroes—that's why this journal is supporting him. As between two white gentlemen we stand by the one that is most friendly to the negro. The success or defeat of the Republican or Democratic parties locally is a small matter with us, as the administration will still be in the hands of the white people, and they are all one after the election. The election of men that will give the negro the greatest opportunity to earn a living and develop his talents is what concerns us most in this or any political contest. The white men will be safe in any event. We are defeated only when the friends of the negro are defeated, whether Democrats or Republicans. This is stating it as plain as we can. The editor of this journal is a plow man, not an office seeker, and sells his produce to both Democrats and Republicans. Being independent, we are in a position to say what we honestly believe, to work for the election of men whom we know or believe to be friends of the race. We judge men by their past records, and if we find them not faithful when in charge of a few things, we are not willing to trust them with many things. Colored reader, you are at liberty to vote as you please. The records of the two candidates are before you. You have more to gain or lose by your vote than we have. We have a lifetime job and the only competition noted is among the inexperienced, who are trying to leave the plow. You have Snyder the doer, and Powers the promiser, take your choice.

Ex-Rev. Kelley.—Things look a little gloomy for Rev. Kelley, the despoiler of female virtue. The race papers in San Francisco are rubbing it into him hard.

Mr. Pearson, the distinguished Oakland attorney, gave him an unmerciful scourging. Lay it on him, boys! He need it and needs it bad. It is rumored that some misguided woman in this city is putting up money for him. This is hard to believe. There are colored men calling themselves respectable who are acting as "go betweens" for a few dollars, purchased at the price of female virtue. These fellows are trying to run cheap bluffs. They have mothers, sisters and wives and children, or ought to have. Shame! shame! The pulpit must be cleared of these moral lepers.

We are for the Democratic municipal ticket because the Democrats in this city have given the colored voters more responsible and better paying positions than the Republicans have given them. If the man Mr. Powers placed on the board of police commissioners had been a friend to negroes, Beaty, Glenn and Russell would now be on the regular police force. Mr. Powers made no colored appointments, so his man on the police commission adopted the policy of his boss. The Democratic ticket is the equal of the Republican ticket with the exception of the head. In this case the Democratic ticket is headed by a people's man, while the Republican ticket is headed by the railroad's man. Look out for friends first, then party.

### HAS JOINED THE SIX BITS PUSH.

Prof. Easton is the "me too" of the old discarded "six bits push." Rev. C. H. Anderson is chaplain. While there is considerable surprise expressed at the actions of Prof. Easton in falling in evil paths so early, the actions of Rev. Anderson occasion no surprise, as he always leaves his pulpit when there is a chance to "do politics." This, of course, is by no means a crime, but the minister who leaves his exalted position to do politics cannot command the respect that his great calling demands. As there are no moral questions at issue in this campaign, the white ministers have kept their garments clean. There is hope for Brother Anderson, for Jesus weeps, he weeps and loves him still.

### A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

The opportunity for the colored people to acquire homes in Southern California was never greater than now. There are thousands of acres of valuable agricultural lands that can be purchased by colonies at from \$10 to \$25 per acre. It sells now in small lots at \$25 to \$50 per acre. A gentleman the other day placed at our disposal 40,000 acres of good land, suitable for deciduous fruits and all kinds of vegetables. As this land is right on the railroad a ready market is brought to the door of the farmer. The demand for farm produce is always greater than the supply, so prices are always good. A colony of 300 families with \$200 per family can get this land and build a town with schools and churches, thus giving them an opportunity to show what they can do. In the surrounding towns the sons and daughters of the colonists can get ready employment at \$15 to \$25 per month. This would board the families while making their first crop. These opportunities cannot last.





JOHN KENEALY, FO CITY TAX AND  
LICENSE COLLECTOR.

Personally, there is not a more popular man in Los Angeles than Mr. Kenealy, and it was upon this personal prestige the Democrats based their hopes of success in nominating him for the office. Mr. Kenealy says frankly the reason he is seeking the office is because he needs it. Ten years ago he never believed he would take any office within the gift of the people, but circumstances have changed, and he says he will be thankful if he is elected.

Apart from a lifetime spent in building up the city, Mr. Kenealy's great experience in business in Los Angeles, his capacity for hard work, his familiarity with the needs of the city, and his wide list of friends and acquaintances, all make him an especially strong candidate.

BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM.—If the colored voters should measure the two leading candidates for mayor, Hon. M. P. Snyder and Mr. P. W. Powers, by the above standard, the whole colored vote would be polled for Mr. Snyder. Mr. Powers is just now unusually concerned about the negro and his welfare. In the distribution of public patronage he thinks his party has treated the colored voters badly. He is just aching to be elected mayor so that with the balm of official patronage he can anoint the wounds of the much-abused colored voters. Now if Mr. Powers had taken advantage of the opportunities that have been wallowing at his feet to help the negroes we would sympathize with him in his present solicitude.

NO FRUIT.—For the past two years Mr. Powers has held the position of president of the city council. As such his share of the public patronage amounted to about forty positions. How many of these appointments has he given the negroes? He has appointees in the engineer's, fire, street, police and water departments. Among them there is not a single negro, as far as we can learn. Why didn't Mr. Powers remember the colored man and brother while making those appointments? Why didn't he practice then, what he is preaching now? He even saved up a good job in the street department for his son. So far as the negro is concerned the Powers tree is barren; the colored voters should do what they can to grub it up.

Mayor Snyder has only to point to his record in the past as an index to his future dealings with his colored fellow citizens. His record has been manly, fair and just. He has never lost an opportunity to assist the negro by giving him a working chance. For the colored voters to desert him for Mr. Powers is swapping bread for stones. Randolph in the police, Bright and Glenn in the fire departments and Messenger Johnson in the city hall are fruits borne on the Snyder tree. "By their fruits ye shall know them." To desert a friend because his enemy says he is to be beaten, is the rankest cowardice. To stand or fall with your friends is a virtue that never goes unrewarded. Mr. Powers' friends are promising the colored voters everything but the sidewalks, just as Eaton's friends did four years ago, and they will be fulfilled just as Eaton did. Several negroes have already got happy and quit work to electioneer for Mr. Powers on mere promises. Will the negro never cease to be a fool? One excellent shoe polishing artist is laboring under the delusion that, with a gold pen up over his ear, he is to stand behind a big stack of books as clerk in the city hall as soon as Mr. Powers is elected. Now if Mr. Powers had any record for the appointment of colored men, this might be all right, but he has none. "By their fruits ye shall know them." Remove from office the negroes that Mayor Snyder has appointed and the negro has nothing left. Take your choice.

Elsewhere in this edition will be found cuts and short writeups of several gentlemen who desire the suffrage of the voters on December 1. These gentlemen are well fitted for the positions for which they aspire. We hope the colored voters will carefully consider the claims of these gentlemen before voting. By placing their cards in this paper they have used the same means to get colored votes as they have to get white ones. This fact should not be lost sight of. A vote for them is a vote for racial advancement.

#### MAYOR SNYDER.

If the best interest of the city is to be served, if the best interest of the citizens and taxpayers is to be protected, by all means Mayor Snyder should be re-elected. During his administration some of the knottiest problems in the history of the city have been settled and settled in the interest of the people. When that infamous freight-carrying franchise passed the council with and by the aid of Mr. Powers, his opponent, Mayor Snyder, vetoed it and saved to the city thirteen miles of beautiful streets. It was Mayor Snyder and not Mr. Powers that saved the taxpayers \$275,000 in the water works deal. He has been tried, but never found wanting. He has been faithful to every trust. His life is an open book, every page a record of duties well done. The voters of this city want a man, not a partisan, for mayor. In Mayor Snyder they have always found what they wanted. He is one of the people for the people. In pointing to his record, we have no apology to make.

#### VERY GRATIFYING.

The progress made by the colored people in the acquisition of homes and other property has been extremely gratifying. Many enterprises have been undertaken by the race and all of them are prosperous. There is a marked tendency on the part of the race to patronize each other, and the feeling that a closer union is needed is everywhere manifested. The disposition to save money and do business was never so strong as now. The young men and women are learning trades and are preparing to employ themselves. The number of young ladies in the high school is larger than usual. We have several grocery stores, all doing well. We have one gents' furnishing establishment, one tailor shop, one dentist and three physicians, all of whom we are justly proud of. Let us hope and pray for more work and a closer union next year. For the colored person who wants to do something and be something, California is a paradise.

DEFEATED CAPT. BEATY.—It must not be forgotten that the defeat of Capt. Beaty for appointment as policeman was brought about by the vote of Police Commissioner Walker, Republican from the Fourth ward. Walker lives in Mr. Powers' ward and was appointed by Mr. Powers. His action in voting against Capt. Beaty was in keeping with those of Mr. Powers, who has never appointed a black Republican to a position. In voting against Capt. Beaty Mr. Walker possibly carried out the wishes of Mr. Powers. Mr. Snyder had slated three colored men for appointment on the police force, but when Beaty was defeated by a Republican vote the other two were not nominated. "By their fruits ye shall know them."



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**REV. DONOHOO GIVES IT UP.**—Rev. Donohoo sees the handwriting on the wall and is getting ready to yield to the inevitable. The mistake of his life was made when he failed to resign. He has, however, made several mistakes, all of which are sincerely regretted. His police protection was a serious blunder; it gave his case away and strengthened his opponents. His abuse of Mrs. McDonald, a widowed member of his church, was very unmanly. Some things he said to her cannot be printed in this paper. It was a grievous mistake. The fight on him is simply the church against the pastor—there can be but one result—the pastor will have to go. The sooner he goes the better for him.

**WILL TAKE THE TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH.**

There is a current rumor that the Rev. S.W. Hawkins, whom Bishop Clinton sent to Oakland, is to return soon and take charge of the Tabernacle Baptist church. In the event he runs against kickers who object to having a Methodist minister, Hawkins will pull off his coat and organize an independent church to be known as "The Church of Jesus Christ." Those who know Rev. Hawkins know just the kind of hangout his so-called church would be. It would be the rendezvous of disreputable secret societies that rob widows and speculate in the dead bodies of their members, the rallying ground of political deadbeats and six bits grafters.

When he starts this church The Liberator will entertain him royally. He is another preacher that killed himself "doing politics."

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